

III. *The Lunar Eclipse, Oct. 11, 1772,
observed at Canton. Communicated by
John Blake, Esq. of Parliament-
Street.*

Redde, Nov. 4, 1772.

To JOHN BLAKE, *Esq. of Parliament-Street,
Westminster.*

MY DEAR FATHER,

WITHIN an hour after I closed my letter to you, by this ship, enclosing Astronomical Observations from Pekin, I received the enclosed observation, of the late Eclipse, made by a Jesuit here. An accident prevented their sealing the packet for a few hours; and Mr. Hume is now waiting only for this letter of mine to finally dispatch.

Canton, Dec. 12, 1772.
per ship Osterley.

J. B. BLAKE.

I know nothing of the accuracy of the observation, as he is lately arrived here *.

* And the time being taken only by a watch regulated by the sun the day before, the observation is not much to be depended on. NEVIL MASKELYNE.

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Observatio

Observatio Lunarise Eclipses habita Cantone,
die 11 Octobris, 1772.

Observationem institui telescopia 6 palmarum :
tempus adnotavi ostensum ab horologio parvo
secundorum, spirâ, a mag^o. Arnold Londinensi elabo-
rato, quod in meridie vero antecedente correxi ;
illius tamen fidelitatem examinare non potui in me-
ridie sequenti. Cælum erat omni ex parte limpi-
dissimum, et intentus expectabam penumbræ densio-
ris adventum, quæ tamen valdè tenuis apparuit,
ideoque initium non notavi.

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Jam cœperat Eclipsis	—	10	54	26
Forsan 32'' citius fuisset.				
Initium verum	—	10	53	54
Immersio	—	12	3	29
Medium	—	12	58	59
Emersio	—	13	54	29
Finis	—	15	4	4